

fitful love. She forsook the quiet harbor of honorable marriage to wreck her life upon the reef of unlawful passion. And the sins of the mother were visited upon the children, the two pitiful babies, whose death was much kinder than life would have been if they had grown up under the shadow of illegitimacy.

Ida Walters Rogers knew SHAME. Its biting acid had eaten into her heart during the years she had lived openly with Rogers in a world which knew she was not his wife. The poison of detraction and contempt was stirred into her daily life. Its bitterness was always on her lips. And when she heard from the man she loved that her two babies were condemned to a lifetime in the shameful shadows, is it any wonder the mad thought came to her that death would be more kind to them, poison less bitter? Let no one think this woman killed in her sane mind.

No sane mother kills. And yet it is part of the instinct of motherhood to destroy its young in the face of a peril!

A lioness will eat her cubs, a mother dog devour her puppies if she thinks danger threatens them. And this mad act of destruction has its origin in the mother's beautiful instinct to protect—to save her young.

And, sometimes the mother has to eat her young to save them from the marauding male to whom they owe their lives.

Ida Rogers is of this type of mother. We women who think before we act, reason before we love, who dwell in the temperate zone of the affections and know nothing of the equatorial storms of lawless passion may not understand her wholly.

But we know that if she is guilty there is a man more guilty and that she has paid dearly and doubly for sins which were not hers alone.

SHOULD THIS WOMAN DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR?

You have read Nixola Greeley-

Smith's story of Ida Walters "Rogers."

Is she guilty of murder—as murder is defined by law?

Or is she guilty of a mother's passion to slay her young in the face of danger—as defined by Nixola Greeley-Smith?

Should this unfortunate creature be legally killed?

Or should she be saved from death in the electric chair?

If you think her life should be spared clip out the following petition and mail it to District Attorney Martin, New York City, N. Y.

AUTO CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO CARS—TWO KILLED

In an attempt to get ahead of one car by steering between it and another coming in an opposite direction an auto was wrenched to pieces last night, 2 youths were killed and 3 seriously injured.

Alfred Sorenson, 1802 N. Western av., and Arthur Sodman, 2452 Cortland st., are dead.

Frank Arrighi, Charles Wittig and William Dorstaad are on the verge of death in the hospital.

The accident occurred at Milwaukee and Armitage. One of the street cars was knocked from the tracks. Women were cut by flying glass and a panic ensued. In the search for the injured the gasoline tank was ignited. An explosion hurt many more.

The coroner's office and the police are investigating.

INNOCENT NEGRO HUNG

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 25.—Special from Vicksburg, Miss., says:

"Forty-eight hours after Ed Johnson, a negro, had been lynched in the suburbs of this city for the theft of the animal, a cow owned by a farmer near here returned home. The cow had merely strayed. Johnson was arrested by a constable and was being brought to Vicksburg, when taken by the mob and strung up."